

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 12 May 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 13 May 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 15:10 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High, but Medium for cloud details

Headline for Thursday 12 May 2022: Cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain. Windy and cold, summit gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 12 May 2022

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

Low Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	20%	60%	60%	70%	70%	80%

Forecast for Thursday 12 May 2022

Weather: Mainly dry with patchy cloud cover overnight leading to a bright start. However, cloud soon increasing with showers or longer outbreaks of rain, the rain turning heavy and persistent in the evening, perhaps wintry at first over the highest summits. Windy, summit gales and feeling cold.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% overnight and early morning, falling 20% by midday.

Low Cloud and visibility: Patchy summit cloud early morning, but soon extensive, base 600 to 900m, patches to 300m at times. Visibility mostly very good at first, but soon moderate in rain or showers, and becoming poor or very poor at height.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	29/37 W	28/36 SW	26/35 SW	29/39 SW	36/48 SW	37/50 SW	37/49 SW	38/51 SW	35/47 SW
900	21/29 W	21/29 W	20/28 SW	22/31 SW	27/39 SW	29/41 SW	28/40 SW	28/40 SW	24/35 SW
600	23/30 SW	22/29 SW	24/32 SW	26/35 SW	33/44 SW	34/46 SW	32/44 SW	33/45 SW	27/38 SW
300	12/19 W	10/16 SW	12/20 SW	15/24 SW	19/31 SW	19/32 SW	18/31 SW	18/31 SW	14/24 SW
Glen	8/19 SW	7/16 SW	8/17 SW	12/24 SW	16/31 SW	15/31 SW	15/31 SW	16/32 SW	11/25 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-0/-8	1/-7	1/-7	1/-7	1/-7	1/-7
900	1/-5	1/-6	1/-5	3/-4	3/-3	4/-2	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3
600	4/-2	3/-2	4/-2	5/-1	5/-1	6/-0	6/-0	5/-1	5/-0
300	6/3	6/2	6/3	7/3	8/3	8/4	8/4	7/3	7/4
Glen	8/6	7/5	8/6	9/6	9/6	10/7	10/7	9/6	9/7
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	900m	1200m	1300m	1400m	1300m	1400m	1500m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Conditions quickly going downhill after a promising start.

Forecast for Friday 13 May 2022

Weather: Cloudy and overcast with rain and drizzle, mainly light, but the odd heavier burst possible. Becoming mainly dry and the cloud beginning to lift and break in the evening.

Maximum wind: West 30 to 40mph, gusting 55mph over the summits, easing slightly by evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil to 30%

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive, base 600 to 900m, patches to 300m. Visibility often poor or very poor at height, but becoming mainly good lower down after a damp or wet start.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 Celsius rising to 13 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits